Attorney Docket No. 03515/LH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : M. MELLER et al

Serial No. : 10/667,095

Filed: September 18, 2003

For : ROTARY APPARATUS FOR GRAFTING AND

COLLECTING BONE

Art Unit : 3732

Examiner : ROBERT, EDUARDO C.

Customer No.: 01933

RESPONSE- 37 C, F.R. 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2005, the term for response to which expires on April 16, 2005.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Species I, Figs. 1-4, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on elected Species I, Figs. 1-4, are claims 1-17, 20 and 29-32.

GENERIC CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 14, 17, 20 and 29-31 are generic to all of Species I, II and III.

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Nalini P. Sahadeo

Dated: April 12, 2005

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Upon allowance of a generic claim, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner also consider claims directed to non-elected Species, which depend from or otherwise include the subject matter of an allowable generic claim.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

April 12, 2005

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